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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by filling out the form at this link.





GF!F Newsletter Milestone

Commemorating the Line Commemorating the Edition of the Go Fourth! Friday Newsletter

Today's edition is our 500th weekly newsletter published since taking office in 2015. At more than 16 items per issue, that's a total of 8,000+ updates on a variety of Council District 4 topics.

Thank you for your readership, and special thanks to those who have taken the time to let us know how much they enjoy the updates... especially the "And Finally" feature. Go Fourth!

Past and Ongoing Events

CFA Towne Center Re-Opening TODAY!

Monday - Saturday | 6:30 am - 10 pm | 7681 E Carson St.

After a months-long closure for remodeling, Chick-fil-A Towne Center is re-opening today! From Owner/Operator John Howard... "GRAND RE-OPENING: today, Friday, November 22, 2024, it will be our absolute pleasure to resume serving our wonderful guests of this great community. We hope to see everyone today! It's going to be a GREAT DAY at Chick-fil-A Long Beach Towne Center! (And yes, we still have our play area (refurbished) for the children)."



Sports Basement SnowFest Celebration

On Sunday, I stopped by the Sports Basement SnowFest Celebration. Attendees enjoyed gear giveaways, ski lift ticket deals and many other activities and specials. I also got a chance to check out the pickle ball courts on the 3rd floor "Flight Deck". Open play on the courts is available weekdays and weekends. Don't miss Sports Basement's official Grand Opening on Saturday and Sunday, December 7th and 8th, from 9 am to 4 pm. Check out more event details below!







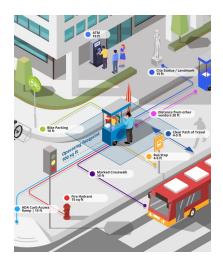
El Dorado Park Mural Project Now Underway

The "Nature's Dance" mural by artist Ms. Yellow is officially underway at El Dorado Park. The artwork serves as a tribute to the natural world, encouraging a deeper appreciation for nature and a commitment to environmental preservation. The painting, located on the east side of the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center, is set to be completed on November 30th. Additional details on the mural can be found at this link.



Sidewalk Vending Ordinance Update

At the October 15th Sidewalk Vending Ordinance update to City Council, staff shared details on a project to revamp data collection for concerns/inspections/enforcement related to sidewalk vending. This initiative aims to improve information and streamline data across both the Health and Financial Management Departments. The goal is the development of an interactive public data dashboard where staff will share data on the sidewalk vending website. The first update, reflecting data as of October 25th, is available online here. Detailed information on Sidewalk Vending rules and regulations can be viewed here. Report sidewalk vending concerns here.



Grocery Outlet Annual Food Drive

Ends November 25th | 7 am - 9 pm | 6436 E Spring St.

Help end food insecurity in Long Beach by purchasing a can of food to donate to Grocery Outlet. In return, donors will receive a Grocery Outlet coupon for a future purchase. All proceeds will be donated to support the <u>CSULB Beach Pantry</u> here in the 4th District. Donations are accepted in store from 7 am to 9 pm at the Spring Street location. The food drive will end on Monday, November 25th. Click here for more information.

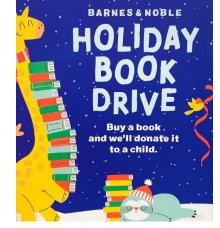


Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive

Ends December 2nd | BN&N Towne Center - 7651 Carson Blvd.

Barnes & Noble invites community members and customers to give the gift of reading to children in need during the company's annual Holiday Book Drive. The Barnes & Noble Towne Center location is supporting the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Customers who purchase a book in-store

can donate the book that will be distributed to students in need. The book drive ends Monday, December 2nd. For more information, please call (562) 938-8330.



Cherishing the Children Toy Drive at CSULB

Ends December 6th | CSULB Bookstore - 6049 E 7th St.

CSULB is hosting their 27th Annual Bob Rodger's "Cherishing the Children" Toy Drive. Toy collection boxes for donation dropoff are located at the Anna W. Ngai Alumni Center or the University Bookstore. Suggested donations include new, unwrapped toys (ages 0-12, no plush toys) or Target gift cards for teens. Gifts will be distributed to local foster children during the Children's Holiday Party. Please drop off donations by Friday, December 6th. Find additional details at this link.



Water Main Bridge Crossings Repair Project

Work ongoing until March 23rd, 2025 | 7 am - 4 pm | Anaheim Rd/Los Cerritos Channel

Long Beach Utilities released an advanced notice of work planned for the water main bridge at Anaheim Road and Los Cerritos Channel. Work includes removing the exterior paint system on the pipe and applying a new paint system, scaffolding, rigging, and containment of sites and disposal of hazardous materials. The work is ongoing until March 23rd, 2025. Construction hours will be between 7 am and 4 pm. Please anticipate minor traffic delays due to the ongoing work, and use caution when driving in the construction area. The schedule is subject to delay due to inclement weather or other unforeseen complications. View the notice at this link.



Upcoming Events

HHW & E-Waste Recycling Event at EDCO

November 23rd | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

The City of Long Beach hosts FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronic Waste Collection Events every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at EDCO Recycling & Transfer Center in Signal Hill. The next collection event is tomorrow Saturday, November 23rd. Drop off your hazardous household items, old electronics, and used tires safely. Learn more here. Option to reserve a spot for the event at this link.



El Dorado Nature Center Tellabration Event

November 23rd | 7:30 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

Come celebrate 30 years of Storytelling With Tellabration at El Dorado Nature Center with the Long Beach Storytellers! This event takes place tomorrow Saturday, November 23rd at 7:30 pm. Ages 9 years and older. Registration is \$5 per person. Please call (562) 570-1745 for more information.



Fall Boutique and Plant Sale at UUCLB

November 24th | 11 am - 1 pm | 5450 E Atherton St.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach (UUCLB) Fall Boutique and Plant Sale is back! The boutique will feature amazing plants and offerings after

service on Sunday, November 24th, on the church patio. For more information please visit this <u>link</u> or contact <u>jponrubing@gmail.com</u>



Upcoming LBACS Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics

Nov. 25 10 am - 2:30 pm & Nov. 30 8 am - 12 pm | 7700 E Spring St.

Long Beach Animal Care Services and Camp Clinics are hosting low-cost vaccine clinics on Monday, November 25th from 10 am to 2:30 pm and Saturday, November 30th from 8 am to 12 pm. No appointment is necessary, but only the first 60 pets will be accepted. For a vaccine price list and important tips to expedite your visit, please visit this Link. Click here for future vaccine clinics at LBACS.



Long Beach Towne Center Blood Drive

November 26th | 11:30 am - 5:30 pm | 7575 Carson Blvd.

The Long Beach Towne Center is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, November 26th from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. The bloodmobile will be next to Lucille's. To make an appointment, please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code LBTowneCenter or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today. Visit this link for more details.



CD4 Community Meeting Next Tuesday

November 26th | 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

We are hosting our Council District 4 monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library on Tuesday, November 26th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. We plan to have a special guest speaker from the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance. All CD4 residents are invited to attend. Please join us for an informative meeting on the latest happenings in our council district.

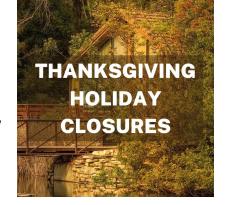


City of Long Beach Thanksgiving Closures

November 28th & November 29th | All Day | Various Locations

The City of Long Beach announced its closures in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, occurring on Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th. All Public Libraries will be closed both

days but will re-open on Saturday, Nov. 30th. There will be no scheduled Street Sweeping or enforcement of parking on Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Dec. 2nd. El Dorado Nature Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28th and will reopen on Friday, November 29th. El Dorado Regional Park will be open on Thanksgiving Day, but the office will be closed. Refuse and recycling will be collected as usual. To view more closure details, visit this link.



Small Business Saturday - Go Fourth! & Shop Local

Saturday, November 30th

For your holiday gift buying, why not support our small local businesses in the 4th District? From See's Candies and Umberto's in Los Altos, to Tenni-Moc's in the Spring Street Center, our retailers have a lot to offer. You'll save the online delivery costs and help the environment by keeping that packing material out of landfills. Also, Tenni-Moc's is hosting a special Small Business Saturday event from 10 am to 4 pm at 6536 E. Spring St. They will have hot cocoa, a prize wheel, raffles and more! Details are at this link. Go shopping and Go Fourth!



Long Beach 10th Annual Tree Lighting

December 4th | 5 - 8 pm | Terrace Theater Plaza

Celebrate the holiday season in Downtown Long Beach at the 10th annual Christmas Tree Lighting! Have a merry night with music, food, and other festive activities! It's a night for pics with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, enjoy local food trucks, kids' train rides, music, choirs, and snow! Visit this Link for more information.



Sports Basement Grand Opening

December 7th & 8th | 9 am - 4 pm | 2100 N Bellflower Blvd.

The official grand opening of the Sports Basement in the Los Altos Shopping Center will take place on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th. The event will feature giveaways, food, music, and deals. The store is located in the former Sears department store. The event will benefit the Long Beach Century Club. RSVP for the event at this Link.



FREE Tennis Play Day at El Do Tennis Center

December 7th | 12 - 2 pm | 2800 N Studebaker Rd.

Bridge the Gap Tennis is hosting another Free Tennis Play Day at the El Dorado Park tennis courts on Saturday, December 7th. Enjoy free tennis play, music, fun and free food! There will also be face painting and a balloon artist. This month, all attendees are encouraged to wear a Disney themed costume! The event is sponsored by Councilman Supernaw, SC Tennis

Academy and Bridge the Gap Tennis Mgmt. All ages and levels are welcome! Reserve a spot at this link.



40th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

December 7th | 6 - 9 pm | Belmont Shore

The Belmont Shore Business Association is hosting the 40th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th.The theme of this year's parade is "A Holiday Tradition," honoring the 40 years of producing the parade and the tradition it has become for so many. Attendees will line up along 2nd Street to view the night-time event that features Santa Claus, elves, colorful bands, floats and surprises. Belmont Shore side streets will be closed at 2 pm and 2nd St. will be closed to traffic at 4 pm. Find more information on the event at this link. This event is FREE and open to all ages. FREE parking is available on the Ocean Blvd. beach lots, and after 3 pm, additional spaces in the Marine Stadium parking lots.

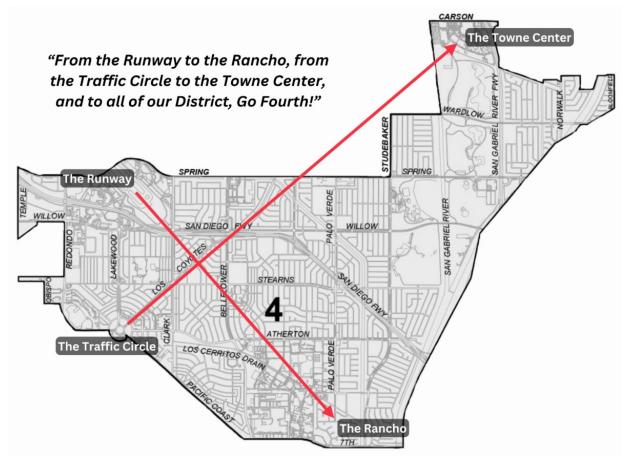


And Finally...

Commemorating the 500th GF!F Newsletter

In commemoration of today's 500th edition, we have changed the photo montage that appears at the top of every newsletter. Hof's Hut Restaurant has been replaced with District 4 Pizza, and the order of the images has been adjusted. The photos now read as a map of the district appearing in their correct N/S, E/W positions. The images now reflect our new catch phrase: "From the Runway to the Rancho, from the Traffic Circle to the Towne Center, and to all of our District, Go Fourth!" The phrase was inspired by the late television news anchor, Jerry Dunphy, who began every broadcast with, "From the desert to the sea, to all of Southern California, good evening". The last time we changed the photos was in December 2021 to accommodate CD4 boundary "adjustments" enacted with redistricting. You can check out the original photo montage in the attached image from Issue #347 published on December 17, 2021. Redistricting took place on 12/20/21, so this was the last time we featured Cambodia Town, Joe Jost's, Community Hospital and the Long Beach Playhouse.







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